

# Morehead State

## EAGLE

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**Seated (l-r):** Asst. Coach Tendai Chingoka, Ariana Gracia-Medrano, Verena Baernwick, Alexandra Becka, Katrin Schwarz, Sheenagh Stewart, Deatra Walters, Georgia Vanos, Alexandra Buck.  
**Standing (l-r):** Head Coach David Vest, Asst. Coach Lahiru Jayasuriya, Ian Smith, Marek Pawelec, Daniel Arbib, Kim Kachel, Benjamin Schmid, Tomi Simola, Alejandro Hernandez.

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## MOREHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

**Location:** Morehead, Ky.  
**Founded:** 1887      **Enrollment:** 9,390  
**Nickname:** Eagles      **Colors:** Blue & Gold  
**Conference:** Ohio Valley - NCAA Division I  
**President:** Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin  
**VP for Student Life:** Madonna Weathers  
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**Associate Director of Athletics:** Brian Hutchinson  
**Assistant Director of Athletics:** Jason Lerner  
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## ON THE COVER

This year's cover features senior Benjamin Schmid and sophomore Alexandra Becka. Both players were selected to the OVC All-Conference teams in 2002.

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## MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS QUICK FACTS

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 Women's Record at MSU/Career: 10-14/10-14  
**Assistant Coaches:** Lahiru Jayasuriya and Tendai Chingoka  
**Home Courts:** George Sadler Tennis Courts  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:**  
 Men: 4/3 Women: 3/3  
**2002 Records:** Men: 12-13 Women: 10-14  
**2002 Conference Records/Rank:**  
 Men: 4-2/4th Women: 3-4/5th  
**2002 OVC Tournament Finish:**  
 Men: 6th Women: 4th





# Morehead State University

Meeting the educational needs of East Kentucky while striving to constantly improve the quality of its public service, economic development and applied research programs are the primary objectives of Morehead State University.

Historically, the University traces its lineage to the Morehead Normal School, which opened its doors in 1887. The private school closed in the spring of 1922 when the Kentucky General Assembly established Morehead State Normal School. The state institution accepted its first students in the fall of 1923 and graduated its first class in 1927. Name changes occurred in 1926 when "and Teachers College" was added, again in 1930 when it was shortened to Morehead State Teachers College, again in 1948 when "Teachers" was dropped and, finally, to university status in 1966. Twelve men, starting with Frank C. Button, have served as president. Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin assumed office as the 12th president on July 1, 1992.

Academically, the University offers 88 undergraduate degree programs, including 9 associate level degrees and 12 pre-professional programs in four colleges -- Business, Education, Humanities, and Science and Technology -- and 19 academic departments. There are 35 graduate degree programs plus 17 graduate level non-degree programs designed especially for professional educators. A post-master's level degree, education specialist with four specialty areas, and a joint doctoral program with the University of Kentucky are offered on the MSU campus.

Classes are conducted in Ashland, Jackson, Maysville, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, West Liberty, Whitesburg and other locations. Extended campus centers located in Ashland, Jackson, Prestonsburg and West Liberty are staffed with full-time directors. Additionally, the University offers a number of distance learning courses throughout the region via the Internet and interactive compressed video. Sixty-one percent of MSU's 340 full-time faculty members hold doctoral degrees.

Physically, the University is located in the foothills of the Daniel Boone National Forest in Rowan County. The nearly 500-acre main campus within the city limits of Morehead includes more than 50 major structures with a total replacement value of more than \$144 million. Beyond the city, the University's real estate holdings include the 320-acre Derrickson Agricultural complex and a nine-hole public golf course. The instructional plant includes 120 classrooms and 112 laboratories. Housing facilities include space for approximately 3,400 single students and 138 student families.

Fiscally, the University currently operates on an annual budget of \$92.1 million with about \$44.7 million provided by the state and

\$29.4 million coming from tuition and fees and other sources.

Additionally, grants and contracts from external sources for research, service and academic/student support projects generate more than \$10 million each year. Private donations to the University, mainly through the MSU Foundation Inc., have reached more than \$2 million.

Statistically, the University has awarded more than 51,000 degrees and currently has 1,049 full-time employees. Enrollment for fall 2001 was 9,027, with the student body representing 105 Kentucky counties, 43 states and 37 foreign countries. The University attracts more than 50,000 visitors annually and its economic impact, directly and indirectly, on the Morehead area is estimated at more than \$80 million yearly.

Administratively, the University is governed by an 11-member Board of Regents with eight citizens appointed by the governor and three seats held by elected faculty, staff and student representatives. Management of the institution is vested primarily in six divisions--Academic Affairs, Administration and Fiscal Services, Development, Student Life, University Relations and Planning and Technology--each headed by a vice president.

Athletically, the University sponsors 18 intercollegiate sports for men and women in accordance with the regulations of the Ohio Valley Conference, Pioneer Football League and Division I of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. MSU also supports an intramural program involving more than 20 team and individual sports.



## Affirmative Action Statement

Morehead State University is committed to providing equal educational opportunities to all persons regardless of race, color, national origin, age, religion, sex, or disability in its educational programs, services, activities, employment policies, and admission of students to any program of study. In this regard the University conforms to all the laws, statutes, and regulations concerning equal employment opportunities and affirmative action. This includes: Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Executive Orders 11246 and 11375, Equal Pay Act of 1963, Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and Kentucky Revised Statutes 207.130 to 207.240. Vocational educational programs at Morehead State University supported by federal funds include industrial education, vocational agriculture, business education, home economics education and the associate degree program in nursing. Any inquires should be addressed to: Francene L. Botts-Butler, Affirmative Action Officer, Morehead State University, 358 University Street, Morehead, KY 40351. Telephone: (606) 783-2085.

## ***Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin, President***



Dr. Ronald G. Eaglin, an outspoken proponent of student success strategies in college administration, has served since July 1, 1992, as the 12th president of Morehead State University.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., President Eaglin came to Kentucky from the chancellorship of Coastal South Carolina

University in Conway, S.C. Previously, he was vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. Earlier, he was the southeast regional director of the American College Testing Program (ACT).

A former chair of Kentucky's Conference of University Presidents, Dr. Eaglin holds a bachelor's degree in biology and mathematics from Southeast Missouri State University, a master's degree in student personnel administration from Southern Illinois University and a doctoral degree in educational psychology from the University of Utah.

President Eaglin's expertise in student retention has been highlighted in a research report he wrote for the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AACU) on the role of campus chief executives in helping students be successful in college. Dr. Eaglin initiated a study of the teacher education program on the MSU campus that led to a review and improvement of the University's program.

In addition, he was involved in the formation of a "P-16 + Regional Council" which is based at MSU and brings together representatives from the public and private colleges in the area, school superintendents, local government leaders, members of state agencies, and CEO's of regional businesses and industry.

The University's CEO has made presentations across the country on student retention and the role of the President in accomplishing this goal. Involved with numerous publications on this topic, he edited the book "Five Habits of Successful Students" published by the International Organization for Student Success.

Dr. Eaglin was a member of the AACU Board of Directors and had the distinction of representing two different institutions on the NCAA Presidents Commission. He currently serves on the NCAA Board of Directors for Division I and as president of the Ohio Valley Conference. His consulting work in student personnel and academic matters has taken him overseas to Cyprus, China and Ireland and to numerous campuses across the country.

President Eaglin is active in economic development matters in East Kentucky, serving presently by appointment of Gov. Paul Patton on the Kentucky Appalachian Commission and Education Pays Task Force. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Morehead-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Eaglin and his wife, Bonnie, have four adult children and five grandchildren.

## ***Chip Smith, Athletic Director***



Joseph C. (Chip) Smith Jr., became the eighth director of athletics at Morehead State University in August.

A highly organized professional with extensive knowledge in NCAA Division I athletic programs, Smith has nearly 20 years experience in athletics administration with a background in the in-

ternal and external workings of intercollegiate athletics.

Joining the EKV staff in 1999, Smith served as associate athletics director before being named director of the program in 2001. His financial expertise was responsible for saving the University more than \$100,000 by developing a strategy to bring marketing and sponsorship sales in-house and initiating an incentive program to encourage fundraising activities. He supervised the administrative and coaching staffs, created the position of assistant compliance coordinator as well as an assistant athletic director for development to strengthen student-athlete relations and fundraising efforts.

Prior to EKV, Smith served both as an associate and as an assistant director of athletics at Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va. He was as an assistant athletic director for development at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte from 1984-1991 and athletic business and ticket manager from 1984-88.

A former high school teacher and coach, Smith is a member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and NCAA Certification Peer Review Teams. A former chapter adviser for Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, he is a YMCA youth league coach and a past president of the Children's Network Inc., a community-owned and operated after-school center for at-risk children.

He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education in 1978 and a Master's Degree in Athletic Administration in 1989. He received the first Distinguished Alumnus in Sports Administration Award from UNC.

A native of Siler City, N.C., Smith and his wife, Gale, have a daughter, Chesley, and a son, Cort.



## Brian Hutchinson, Associate Athletic Director



Brian Hutchinson begins his third year as Associate Athletic Director. His duties will include managing day-to-day operations of the department, including overseeing the athletic training offices, managing the department's annual budget, and the sports administrator for football, volleyball, baseball, and golf.

Hutchinson previously served as Development Director for two years, before assuming the post of Director of Development and Marketing. Prior to that, he served 18 months as a regional development officer for the University and six months as a staff assistant in the University's Office of Development and Alumni Relations. In the 2000-01 year, he served an internship with the Ohio Valley Conference office, assisting with the league's baseball championships and earned a master's degree in sports administration.

A 1996 cum laude graduate of Morehead State University, Hutchinson earned a Bachelor of Business Administration. During his senior year, the Louisa, Ky., native served as the Student Government Association President and was a student representative to the MSU Board of Regents. He has remained active in the alumni association of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and he holds memberships in NACDA and NACMA.

Hutchinson and his wife, Elizabeth, have one son, Benjamin and they reside in Morehead.

## Leslie Faber, Senior Woman Administrator/Soccer Coach



Leslie Faber was named the athletic department's Senior Woman Administrator on July 1, 2000. In her role, Faber is actively involved providing input and oversight in the planning and development of budgets and long-range goals for the athletic department. Additionally, she will be involved in selected day-to-day operational functions, represent the athletics department at conference and national meetings, and serve as a key athletic representative on the committee charged with writing the 2001-2006 athletics long-range plan. She also serves as the chief administrator for Choices Grant CHAMPS/LifeSkills.

Faber has been a member of the Eagle athletic staff since February 1998. She has led the women's soccer program since its inception in the 1998-99 season.

## Jason Lerner, Assistant Athletic Director



Jason Lerner became the Assistant Athletic Director at Morehead State University in October 2001.

He came to MSU after serving nearly two years as the Director of Sports Marketing at Georgia State University. While at GSU, he served as Director of Marketing for the 2001 NCAA Women's Tennis Championship and as Tournament Director for the Trans America Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Championships, both of which were held in Atlanta.

A native of Tallahassee, Fla., Lerner was a standout baseball player at Lincoln High School. He then became a four-year letter winner in baseball at Furman University, where he earned a bachelor's degree.

He earned a master's degree from the University of Georgia.

Prior to joining the staff at GSU, he served as a marketing assistant at the Peach Bowl.

Jason and his wife, Christine (Gavin), were married in October, 2002, and reside in Mt. Sterling.

## Jim Wells, Compliance and Educational Services Director



Jim Wells, whose more than two decades of involvement with Morehead State University athletics range from serving as an undergraduate student manager of the Eagle baseball squad to serving as sports information director to coaching the Eagle softball team, is MSU's Compliance and Educational Services Director. He spent six years as Compliance Coordinator and five years as Academic/Athletic Counselor. Wells retired from full-time status on August 31, 2000 and is now serving on a part-time basis.

Wells has also served MSU as a publications assistant. Among his assignments was managing editor of MSU's alumni periodical, the Morehead STATEment. A two-time graduate of MSU, Wells is in charge of monitoring the University's compliance with NCAA and Ohio Valley Conference rules and legislation as well as the academic progress of Eagle athletes.

An avid golfer and former manager of the University golf course, Wells is a life-long resident of Morehead. He is single.



## Athletic Support Staff



**Jenny Duncan**  
Athletic Budget Specialist



**Richard Fletcher, ATC**  
Head Athletic Trainer



**Sherry Mays**  
Athletic Administration Specialist



**Peggy Osborne**  
Faculty Representative

## Athletic Staff Directory (Area Code 606)

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### Sports Information

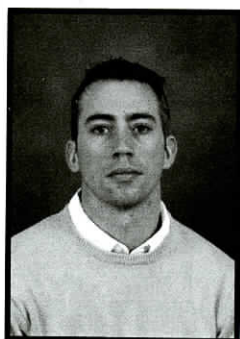
Randy Stacy, Director ..... 783-2500  
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Brenda Fankell, Sports Information ..... 783-2500  
Gloria Johnson, Men's Basketball ..... 783-2087  
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## Coaching Staff

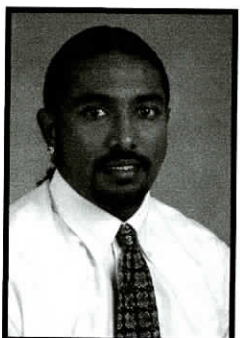


### ***David Vest, Head Coach***

In his second year at the helm of the MSU men and women's tennis programs is former Eagle player David Vest. The first-year mentor earned Ohio Valley Conference Women's Coach of the Year honors leading the Lady Eagles to a 10-14 record and fourth-place finish at the conference tournament after inheriting only one member of the 2001-02 team. He spent the previous year as a volunteer assistant with the two teams.

Vest graduated from MSU in 1999, after he spent four years as a member of the Eagle tennis team and was honored as the squad's Most Improved Player in 1998. In his final year with the Eagles, he played primarily No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles. Earlier in his career he spent time at No. 3 singles and No. 2 doubles.

Vest excelled academically being named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll three years. In addition, he was a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He graduated with a degree in government and is currently completing his master's degree at MSU in sports administration.



### ***Lahiru Jayasuriya, Assistant Coach***

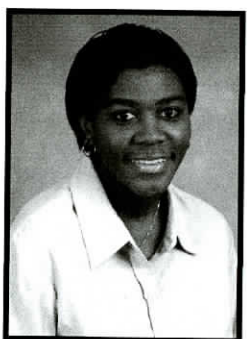
After graduating from Morehead State in December 2002, Lahiru Jayasuriya joined the Eagle tennis coaching staff as a graduate assistant in 2003, and will pursue a Master's Degree in Sports Administration. He was a student assistant for the men's team in the fall semester after completing a four-year career for MSU.

A steady performer and leader on the squad, Jayasuriya rotated between Nos. 2 and 4 in singles throughout his career. He was named the team's MVP in 2001 and the Most Improved Player in 2000.

Jayasuriya graduated with a management major, and was honored on the MSU Dean's List six times and earned the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll accolades in 2001 and 2002.

He also represented the team as a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

A native of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, Jaysuriya attended Ananda College prior to coming to Morehead State. He won the Sri Lanka Junior National Champion his four years prior to competing for the Eagles.



### ***Tendai Chingoka, Assistant Coach***

After completing a four-year career at MSU, Tendai Chingoka joined the Eagle coaching staff in the spring 2002 semester. She primarily assists with the women's team, while pursuing her Master's Degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Criminology. Chingoka has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology with a Sociology minor.

As a player she spent most of her time between Nos. 2 and 4 in the Lady Eagle singles lineup, and the top two spots in the doubles lineup. Chingoka was named the team's MVP in 2001 and 2000, and the Most Improved Player in 1999. During her career at MSU, she served three years as a team representative to the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC).

A native of Harare, Zimbabwe, Chingoka graduated from the Dominican Convent High School, where she played four years of basketball and tennis. She hails from a tennis family...her brother, Douglas, was a three-year member of the MSU men's team from 1998-2000. She also has three cousins currently playing collegiate tennis.



## 2003 Season Outlook

In his second year as head coach of the Morehead State men's and women's tennis teams, David Vest has assembled a noteworthy group of seven men and eight women whom he believes will contend for the Ohio Valley Conference titles. With seven newcomers, four women and three men, Vest expects to have the much-needed depth to stay strong throughout the regular season and tournament time.

"We lost several key members from both of last year's squads, and knew we had to replace them with strong players to keep us in contention for the OVC title," Vest said. "Both teams will be young with only one senior on the men's team and none on the women's squad, but we have the numbers on our side, and at this stage injuries have not been a problem like they were last year."

The men's team will try to surpass last season's 12-13 record and fourth-place finish in conference standings. A key factor will be senior Benjamin Schmid, who has comprised a career singles record of 50-22 (15-5 OVC) and 42-25 (14-3 OVC) in doubles, primarily at the top position for the Eagles.

"Schmid will really be missed next year, so we want to make sure we use him to the fullest in his final Spring campaign," Vest said. "He has been a great anchor for us at No. 1, and I'm hoping he will provide excellent leadership to our new guys." The native of Reutlingen, Germany will again contend for All-OVC honors, a feat he has achieved the past two years. "He is also a good example for the young guys off the court, with a near 4.0 GPA and two first-team Verizon Academic All-District IV honors.

Other returnees include junior Alejandro Hernandez, sophomore Tomi Simola and sophomore Marek Pawelec. Hernandez and Simola have been valuable members of the squad with an infectious enthusiasm and team spirit. Both will look to challenge for a singles spot and provide versatility in the doubles lineup. Pawelec missed the first half of 2002 with a hyper-extended elbow, but he is healthy and ready to return for the 2003 season.

The first signee for the 2002-2003 campaign was Ontario, Canada native Ian Smith, who saw limited playing time in the short Fall tournament schedule. "Smith is improving each and every day," Vest said. "If he continues to work hard, he will make a solid contribution to our team."

Daniel Arbib and Kim Kachel, the two newcomers who joined the team in January will help provide strength in the middle of the lineup. The Victoria, Australia, natives were both ranked in the top 30 of juniors in their home country, and competed as amateurs in numerous futures; and satellite tournaments last year.

"We are fortunate to have landed these two guys, both had numerous offers from other schools. I expect both will play in the top six immediately," Vest said. "Both have had excellent coaching in the past few years and have worked extremely hard in the months leading up until now; that is just what we need leading into the Spring season."

On the women's side, Coach Vest is expecting even better results than last year's team which earned its highest OVC Tournament finish in 14 years. The Lady Eagles posted a 10-14 record and a fourth-place league finish at the conference championships, which earned Vest Women's Coach of the Year honors in his first season at the helm.

"To upset a team in the first round which was seeded ahead of us at the conference tourney and move into the semifinals was a step in the right direction," Vest said. "Hopefully, from here on out we will find ourselves in that position or better each and every year, and I think our roster of players this year can definitely fulfill that goal."

Back for her sophomore season is Alexandra Becka, from Sydney, Australia, who earned all-conference honors last year. She started her first season for Morehead State in the middle of the lineup and by season's end was among the best OVC players at the top spot with a 5-2 conference singles record.

"I expect good things from Becka this semester, especially now that she knows what the competition is like at the top spot," Vest said. "She can definitely be one of the top players in our conference, and I think she started to show that towards the end of last season. She just needs to get the consistency and the mental toughness to beat the top players in the conference."

Other key returnees for the Lady Eagles are junior Sheenagh Stewart, sophomore Ariana Gracia-Medrano and red-shirt freshman Georgia Vanos. Stewart is a transfer from Brigham Young University, where she was a member of the 2000-01 Mountain West Conference champions which advanced to the NCAA Championships. In her second year in the blue and gold, she is the most experienced collegiate player on the team. Gracia-Medrano will look to provide the depth to the squad as she did last Spring with a winning record at the No. 5 and 6 spots. Vanos, now fully recovered from a season-ending shoulder injury sustained last year, is expected to challenge for a position in the lineup.

West Liberty, Ky. native Deatra Walters walked on to the team in the Fall season. A graduate of Morgan County High, Walters adds the local flavor to the squad and will provide an important element - a hard work ethic and enthusiasm which will contribute a great deal to the team.

Three newcomers to the women's squad, all from Germany, enrolled in January. Sophomores Verena Baernwick and Katrin Schwarz have been playing on the competitive club scene in Germany for several years and enter the season with an unusual amount of maturity and experience for first-year collegiate players. Both have been attending German universities since their high school graduation.

Freshman Alexandra Buck, the third member of the Spring semester recruiting class, will provide depth and challenge for position at the five or six spot.

Vest will call upon former teammates, Tendai Chingoka and Lahiru Jayasuriya, to assist in the coaching of the squads. Chingoka and Jayasuriya are both graduate assistants pursuing their master's degrees in sociology and sports administration, respectively. Chingoka will primarily assist with the women's squad and Jayasuriya with the men's.

All of the necessary items are within reach for the men and women's squads to have a successful Spring season. With seven solid newcomers, and a host of talented returnees, the ultimate goal of taking home OVC titles is definitely attainable for both teams.

"The goal for both teams this season is to come together with the common interest of competing well and representing Morehead State at the highest level," Vest concluded. "Wins, titles, and awards will take care of themselves. We have the talent to achieve our goals, if we are able to use our depth and gain experience throughout the season, we should be in good shape come time for the OVC tournament - where championships are the measuring stick of success."



## Rosters

### Men

Name	HT	CL	EXP	Hometown/Previous School
Daniel Arbib	6-1	FR	HS	Nth. Caulfield, Australia/Brighton Grammar
Alejandro Hernandez	5-7	JR	2L	Puebla, Mexico/Instituto D'Amicis
Kim Kachel	6-3	FR	HS	Park Orchard, Australia/Wesley Secondary
Marek Pawelec	5-10	SO	1L	Warsaw, Poland/Licuen Warsaw
Benjamin Schmid	6-2	SR	3L	Reutlingen, Germany/Gymnasium Ebingen
Tomi Simola	6-1	SO	1L	Valkeakoski, Finland/Valkeakosken Lukio
Ian Smith	5-9	FR	HS	Markham, Canada/Brother Andre Catholic

### Women

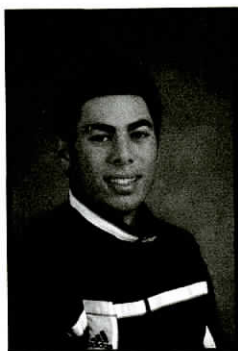
Name	HT	CL	EXP	Hometown/Previous School
Verena Baernwick	5-7	SO	TR	Ingelheim, Germany/Reutlingen Business Uni.
Alexandra Becka	5-9	SO	1L	Rose Bay, Australia/Kincoppal Rose Bay
Alexandra Buck	5-3	FR	HS	Reutlingen, Germany/Gymnasium Isolde-Kurz
Ariana Gracia-Medrano	5-3	SO	1L	Mexico City, Mex./Centro Universitario Mexico
Katrin Schwarz	5-7	SO	TR	Ottenbach, Germany/University of Tuebingen
Sheenagh Stewart	5-8	JR	1L	Killara, Australia/Brigham Young University
Georgia Vanos	5-6	FR	RS	St. Ives, Australia/Ravenswood
Deatra Walters	5-5	FR	HS	West Liberty, Kentucky/Morgan County High

### Coaches

Head Coach David Vest (Morehead State Uni. '00), 2nd year  
 Assistant Coach Lahiru Jayasuriya (Morehead State Uni. '02), 1st year  
 Assistant Coach Tendai Chingoka (Morehead State Uni. '01), 2nd year

West Liberty, Ky.  
 Kelaniya, Sri Lanka  
 Harare, Zimbabwe





# Daniel Arbib

6-1, Fr.  
Nth. Caulfield, Vic., Australia  
Brighton Grammar

Originally signed last Spring, but elected to stay at home and take part in the Australian future and satellite tours during the Fall months...Formerly a top 30 junior in the under 18's in Australia, the left-hander brings with him a wealth of high school competition experience as well as national and ITF tournament play...In just three years of high school, he amassed a

singles record of 28-2 and a doubles record of 54-6...He has wins over current NCAA competitors from such schools as Indiana State, Oklahoma State, Georgia Southern, and Southern Illinois...Psychology major.



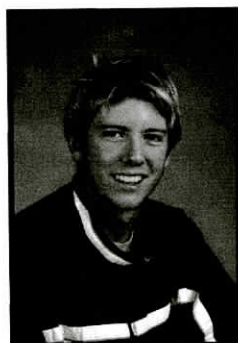
# Alejandro Hernandez

5-7, Jr.  
Puebla, Mexico

Split time at No. 6 singles, notching a 5-2 record, while also playing some at No. 5...Rotated between No. 1, with Benjamin Schmid, and No. 3, with Tomi Simola, in doubles during his sophomore season....Hernandez and Simola had the fourth-most wins among the OVC's No. 3 doubles teams...Dean's list three semes-

who was ranked in the top five in Mexico...Ranked No. 36 in singles in Mexico in 1999...Finalist in both singles and doubles at regionals, and was the sectional doubles champion...Advertising major.

Year	Singles	OVC	Doubles	OVC
2001	3-3	0-1	9-9	2-3
2002	7-5	2-0	8-14	2-3



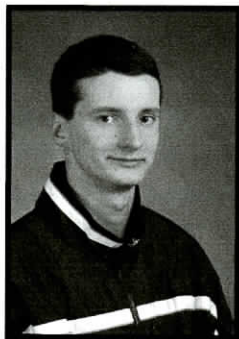
# Kim Kachel

6-3, Fr.  
Park Orchard, Vic., Australia  
Wesley Secondary

Joined the men's team for the 2003 Spring campaign...Former top 30 junior in Australia...Experienced player at the national and international level with wins on the satellite tours...In the months leading to his arrival at Morehead, he competed as an amateur on the Uncle Toby's Professional Tour...Kim's father, Chris, is a former touring pro and head coach at the Australian Institu-

te of Sport...As a pro Kim's father had wins over Arthur Ashe and several top Australian players, and as a coach has tutored some of Australia's finest including Lleyton Hewitt, Mark Phillipousis, and Jelena Dokic...Undecided major.





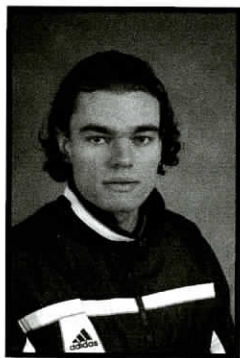
## Marek Pawelec

5-10, So.  
Warsaw, Poland  
Licuén Warsaw

Missed the first half of his first season with a hyper-extended elbow...Entered the lineup in the No. 2 singles spot, but also played some at No. 3 and No. 4...Ranked in the top 10 in Poland's Juniors...Top 50 in the Men's Open Division and as high as sixth in the Under 16's...Highlights include being a member of the victorious squad at the National Team Championship for the Under 16 and Under 18

Divisions...Pawelec was also a doubles winner at the Under 16 national tournament in 1996 and repeated the accomplishment at the Under 18 nationals in 1997...He was a two-time singles finalist in the Under 16 nationals, including once in the Indoor National Tournament...Played satellite and futures for one year following his high school graduation...Business Administration/Finance major.

Year	Singles	OVC	Doubles	OVC
2002	1-9	0-4	0-0	0-0
Totals	1-9	0-4	0-0	0-0



## Benjamin Schmid

6-2, Sr.  
Reutlingen, Germany  
Gymnasium Ebingen

Earned all-conference honors in 2002 and 2001...Ended his junior year with the league's third-best winning percentage among those players at the top spot on the singles ladder...Named first-team academic all-district his sophomore and junior years...Chosen 2002 team MVP and 2001 Most Improved Player...Led the Eagles in singles wins in each of the last two years...Played at No. 3 singles as a freshman, but moved to No. 1 the past two years...

Had the second-best regular season winning percentage among OVC No. 1 singles players as a junior...Played at No. 1 doubles as a freshman and went 15-2 at that spot...OVC Commissioner Honor Roll in 2000-2001...MSU Dean's List all six semesters, including posting a 4.0 GPA in five of them...He has played on the satellite tours in Germany and has been as high as No. 16 in the nation's junior rankings...Business Administration/Management major.

Year	Singles	OVC	Doubles	OVC
2000	15-8	4-4	18-3	6-0
2001	18-7	6-0	17-8	5-1
2002	17-7	5-1	7-14	3-2
Totals	50-22	15-5	42-25	14-3





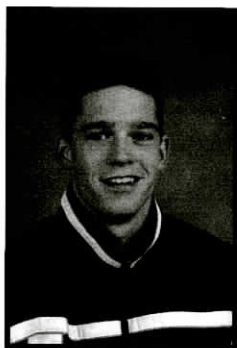
# Tomi Simola

6-1, So.  
Valkeakoski, Finland  
Valkeakosken Lukio

Played at every spot in the singles lineup his first season...Primarily spent time at Nos. 4 and 5...Played half of the OVC season with Greg Dawkins at No. 3 doubles, before switching to pair up with Alejandro Hernandez at the same spot...Simola and Hernandez tallied the fourth-most wins among the conference's No. 3 doubles teams...Notched a 4.0 GPA in 2002 and made the MSU Dean's List in both semesters...

Finished ninth at the high school championships in Finland...Ranked in top 15 in juniors and top 150 in men's open division in Finland...Plays Division 1 club tennis, the highest level, in his homeland...Business/Economics major.

Year	Singles	OVC	Doubles	OVC
2002	5-18	1-5	9-13	3-2
Totals	5-18	1-5	9-13	3-2



# Ian Smith

5-9, Fr.  
Markham, Ont., Canada  
Brother Andre Catholic

Joined the team in the Fall semester...Has played extensively throughout the Ontario province...Smith has been ranked in the top 25 of Ontario for singles in the under 18's...His sister Lana played tennis at Cameron University, Okla., on a full athletic scholarship... Smith has also competed in duathlons and triathlons, he placed 2nd in the Toronto World Cup under 19's tri-

athlon and took top honors in the Mill Duathlon under 19's...Graduated with honors from Brother Andre Catholic High school...An outstanding student with numerous academic awards and a five-time honor roll recipient...Psychology major.

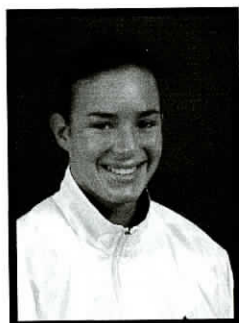


## Verena Baernwick

5-7, So.  
Ingelheim, Germany  
Valparaiso University

Arrived on MSU's campus in 2003 from Valparaiso University where she was a University exchange student for the 2002 Fall semester...Prior to that, she studied for two years at the Reutlingen School of International Business in Germany...An extensive German club tennis player, Baernwick has competed for Ingelheim

in the Oberliga since 1994 (Oberliga is the third highest league in Germany)...In the past summer months she has also made appearances for the Reutlingen team in the Bundesliga - the highest league in Germany...Baernwick joins the Lady Eagles with nearly ten years of national tournament experience under her belt...She held a women's German ranking of 201 in 1999...Management and Marketing major.



## Alexandra Becka

5-9, So.  
Rose Bay, NSW, Australia  
Kincoppal Rose Bay

Earned All-OVC honors in 2002...Tabbed as team MVP...Moved to the No. 1 singles spot late in the year, posting a 5-6 record...Began the campaign as the No. 2 player, where she notched an 8-1 record...Split time with Sheenagh Stewart at No. 1 doubles and Kelli Williams at No. 2 doubles...Finished third in OVC among No. 1 singles players and along

with Williams, tied for the fourth-best mark in the league among No. 2 doubles teams...Top 20-ranked junior in 18 and under in Australia...Trained at the John Newcombe Tennis Academy in New Braunfels, Texas, for four months prior to coming to MSU...Played in the top four on the Academy's team...Earned her high school's Sportswoman of the Year honor in 2000 and was the Tildesley Shield doubles champion that same year...Her team won the Tildesley Shield overall title from 1998 through 2000, and was the national school team champion in 1999 and 2000...Exercise Science major.

Year	Singles	OVC	Doubles	OVC
2002	14-9	5-2	10-11	2-3
Totals	14-9	5-2	10-11	2-3





## Alexandra Buck

5-3, Fr.  
Reutlingen, Germany  
Gymnasium Isolde-Kurz

earned from high school classes...Pre-Medicine major.

Joined the women's program in 2003 having just completed her high school requirements in 2002...Has been a solid performer at the German club level for the last eight years...Buck is a member of the Reutlingen third division team...She has also competed extensively in regional tournaments...An outstanding student she enters MSU with credit hours already



## Ariana Gracia-Medrano

5-3, So.  
Mexico City, Mexico  
Centro Universitario Mexico

Earned a spot on the MSU Dean's List in 2002...Top 25-ranked junior in 18 and under division in Mexico City.....Industrial Technology major.

Primarily played at No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles as a freshman...Selected as team's Most Improved Player after collecting the second-best singles record...Finished the year with the third-best record among the OVC's No. 6 singles players and joined Karla Zaldo in posting the fifth-best winning percentage among the OVC's No. 3 doubles teams...

Year	Singles	OVC	Doubles	OVC
2002	12-8	3-4	8-13	3-2
Totals	12-8	3-4	8-13	3-2



## Katrin Schwarz

5-7, So.  
Ottenbach, Germany  
University of Tuebingen

Enters Morehead State as a sophomore via a transfer from the University of Tuebingen, one of the top academic schools in Germany...An excellent student, Schwarz has a year and a half of her college education under her belt...Ranked within the top 250 in Germany for several years, and was ranked in the top ten in Baden-Wuerttemberg...Played German club tennis with Schwaebisch Gmuend (a second division team) for three years, and currently plays for Tuebingen (a third division team)...Pre-pharmacy major.

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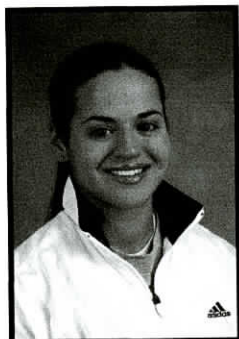
## Sheenagh Stewart

5-8, Jr.

Killara, NSW, Australia  
Brigham Young University

Began the 2002 season as the team's No.1 singles player, before settling in at No.2...Played almost exclusively at No.1 doubles, primarily with Joanna Cichanska...Transferred to MSU in the Spring semester after spending the 2000-01 year on the team at Brigham Young University...The Cougars won the Mountain West Conference and advanced on to the NCAA Championships during her tenure at the school...Graduated from Monte Saint Angelo High School where she was a team captain and won the school's Athlete Award in 2000...Team won the Catholic School Girls' Title...A top 20-ranked junior in 18 and under division in Australia...Played in the Australian Open Juniors Tournament in 2000...Sister, Bryanne, has been ranked as high as 135 for singles and 97 for doubles in the world on the WTA tour...Advertising major.

Year	Singles	OVC	Doubles	OVC
2002	5-18	1-6	6-15	1-4
Totals	5-18	1-6	6-15	1-4



## Georgia Vanos

5-6, Fr.

St. Ives, NSW, Australia  
Ravenswood

Missed much of the year with a shoulder injury and redshirted the season...Named to the MSU Dean's List in 2002 with a 4.0 GPA...Left-hander who graduated from the Ravenswood School for Girls...She was the school doubles champion and its singles runner-up...Also served as the team captain...Exercise Science/Sports Management major.

Year	Singles	OVC	Doubles	OVC
2002	0-5	0-0	0-2	0-0
Totals	0-5	0-0	0-2	0-0



## Deatra Walters

5-5, Fr.

West Liberty, Kentucky  
Morgan County High

Joined the program in the Fall semester as a walk-on...Had a 1-2 record with a win over a University of Toledo player in the Fall semester at the UT-Chattanooga tournament...She was a three-time regional semi-finalist in tennis for Morgan County High...Also a two-time all-region basketball selection as a junior and senior

...She was valedictorian of her graduating class in 2002...Biology major.



## Athletic Facilities

Morehead State has at its disposal modern and well-equipped facilities for the use of its athletic teams. Included among these are Jayne Stadium, the Academic-Athletic Center, the George A. Sadler Tennis Courts, John "Sonny" Allen Field, Wetherby Gymnasium and the University Field (softball), to name a few. Among the facilities used for purposes other than competition is the Phil Simms Weight Training Facility, a building dedicated by the former Morehead State and New York Giants football star, which allows MSU student-athletes every opportunity to enhance their strength and conditioning. In addition, there is a spacious athletic training facility in Jayne Stadium complete with all of the resources needed to enhance the training of MSU student-athletes and allowing them to rehabilitate and recover from injuries quickly and safely.



### Athletic Training

The main athletic training room, a spacious and modern facility with four whirlpools, stairsteppers and exercise bicycles, is located in Jayne Stadium. Two other remote facilities are in the Academic-Athletic Center and Wetherby Gym. The MSU staff includes head athletic trainer Richard Fletcher, assistant trainer Jamey Carver, plus two graduate assistants and several student assistants, and the graduate assistants

are certified. Also members of the MSU medical team are a group of highly-qualified doctors, including orthopedic surgeons, Dr. Tom Fossett, Dr. Pat Serey and Dr. James Rollins; a dentist, Dr. Jim Bendixen; and an optometrist, Dr. Thomas McHugh. In addition, the St. Claire Regional Medical Center, located in Morehead, utilizes a full-spectrum of medical services. In all, the Eagles have access to several specialists in all areas of potential need, providing them with the most modern medical attention available.

### George A. Sadler Tennis Courts

Located just north of Jayne Stadium and the Wellness Center, the George A. Sadler Courts are home of the men's and women's tennis teams at Morehead State. For the tennis player, the facility offers 12 hard courts, a windscreen and lighting for night tennis. For the spectator, there is a seating area which gives you a view of every court and a restroom facility located nearby. George A. Sadler Courts are open to students, faculty and staff and the general public for use. However, the courts are reserved daily from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and whenever there is a home tennis match scheduled.



# 2002 Spring Results

## MEN'S OVERALL RECORD: 12-13

HOME 4-0      AWAY 4-9  
NEUTRAL 4-4      OVC 4-2 (Fourth)

### OVC Tournament 1-2 (Sixth Place Finish)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORDS
Jan. 23	vs. Murray State#	L, 1-6	0-1
23	at Kentucky (25)	L, 0-6	0-2
25	vs. Wright State\$	W, 4-3	1-2
26	at Eastern Kentucky	W, 4-3	2-2
26	vs. Western Kentucky\$	W, 4-0	3-2
Feb. 8	at Evansville	L, 1-5	3-3
16	at IUPUI	W, 6-1	4-3
23	vs. Jacksonville State&	W, 6-1	5-3
24	at Chattanooga	L, 0-7	5-4
Mar. 13	XAVIER (OHIO)	W, 4-3	6-4
26	at Embry-Riddle Uni.	L, 0-5	6-5
27	vs. Ark.-Little Rock%	L, 0-7	6-6
27	at Jacksonville	L, 2-5	6-7
28	at Stetson	L, 0-7	6-8
Apr. 2	at Pikeville College	L, 0-8	6-9
3	at Eastern Kentucky*	W, 6-1	7-9/1-0
6	EASTERN ILLINOIS*	W, 5-2	8-9/2-0
7	TENNESSEE STATE*	W, 6-1	9-9/3-0
12	at Austin Peay State*	W, 5-1	10-9/4-0
13	at Tennessee-Martin*	L, 2-5	10-10/4-1
14	at Tennessee Tech*	L, 0-7	10-11/4-2
16	NORTHERN KENTUCKY	W, 6-1	11-11/4-2
19	vs. Eastern Kentucky@	L, 1-4	11-12/4-2
20	vs. Tennessee State@	W, 4-0	12-12/4-2
21	vs. Eastern Illinois@	L, 3-4	12-13/4-2

\* Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) contest  
# at University of Kentucky  
\$ at Eastern Kentucky University  
& at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga

% at Jacksonville University  
@ at OVC Championships  
HOME GAMES IN CAPS

### SINGLES

Name	Overall	OVC
Benjamin Schmid	17-7	5-1
Greg Dawkins	12-8	5-1
Akihito Gido	11-13	4-2
Lahiru Jayasuriya	10-13	4-2
Alejandro Hernandez	7-5	2-0
Tomi Simola	5-18	1-5
Marek Pawelec	1-9	0-4
Total	63-73	21-15

### DOUBLES

Team	Overall	OVC
Jayasuriya/Dawkins	5-5	1-1
Simola/Hernandez	5-11	0-2
Dawkins/Simola	4-2	3-0
Gido/Jayasuriya	4-6	3-2
Gido/Dawkins	3-0	3-0
Schmid/Hernandez	3-3	2-1
Schmid/Dawkins	2-2	1-1
Schmid/Jayasuriya	1-2	---
Schmid/Gido	1-7	---
Total	28-38	9-6

## WOMEN'S OVERALL RECORD: 10-14

HOME 3-3      AWAY 5-6  
NEUTRAL 2-5      OVC 3-4 (Fifth)

### OVC Tournament 1-2 (Fourth Place Finish)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	RECORDS
Feb. 9	at Marshall (72)	L, 1-6	0-1
9	vs. Wright State#	L, 1-6	0-2
15	at Eastern Kentucky	W, 5-2	1-2
15	vs. Xavier (Ohio)\$	L, 1-6	1-3
16	vs. Western Kentucky\$	W, 4-1	2-3
23	vs. Jacksonville State%	L, 0-7	2-4
24	at Chattanooga	L, 1-6	2-5
Mar. 21	CUMBERLAND (KY.)	W, 6-1	3-5
23	DUQUESNE	L, 3-4	3-6
26	at Northwood University	L, 4-5	3-7
27	at Jacksonville	L, 1-6	3-8
28	at Stetson	W, 5-2	4-8
Apr. 2	at Pikeville College	W, 5-4	5-8
3	at Eastern Kentucky*	W, 5-1	6-8/1-0
5	MURRAY STATE*	L, 1-6	6-9/1-1
6	EASTERN ILLINOIS*	L, 1-6	6-10/1-2
7	TENNESSEE STATE*	W, 7-0	7-10/2-2
12	at Austin Peay State*	W, 5-1	8-10/3-2
13	at Tennessee-Martin*	L, 1-6	8-11/3-3
14	at Tennessee Tech*	L, 0-7	8-12/3-4
16	NORTHERN KENTUCKY	W, 6-1	9-12/3-4
19	vs. Eastern Illinois@	W, 4-3	10-12/3-4
20	vs. Tennessee Tech@	L, 0-4	10-13/3-4
21	vs. Tennessee-Martin@	L, 0-4	10-14/3-4

\* Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) contest  
# at Marshall University  
\$ at Eastern Kentucky University

% at University of Tennessee-Chattanooga  
@ at OVC Championships  
HOME GAMES IN CAPS

### SINGLES

Name	Overall	OVC
Alexandra Becka	14-9	5-2
Ariana Gracia-Medrano	12-8	3-4
Karla Zaldo	12-10	4-3
Kelly Williams	9-13	3-4
Sheenagh Stewart	5-18	1-6
Joanna Cichanska	4-16	3-4
Georgia Vanos	0-5	---
Total	56-79	19-23

### DOUBLES

Team	Overall	OVC
Becka/Williams	7-7	2-3
Gracia-Medrano/Zaldo	6-7	3-2
Zaldo/Williams	5-2	---
Stewart/Becka	3-4	---
Stewart/Cichanska	3-10	1-4
Gracia-Medrano/Cichanska	2-4	---
Stewart/Zaldo	0-1	---
Vanos/Gracia-Medrano	0-2	---
Total	26-37	6-9





The OVC sponsors the following sports: baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, tennis and track for men, and basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, track and volleyball for women. The OVC also sponsors the combined men's and women's sport of rifle. Over the last few years, the league has grown, not only in the number of athletics opportunities it is providing for students, but in terms of the number of institutions in the league. In the early 1990's, the league expanded by two members, adding Southeast Missouri State University and the University of Tennessee at Martin. The league grew again in 1996-97 with the addition of Eastern Illinois University. Other current representatives include charter members Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University and Murray State University, along with Austin Peay State University, Tennessee State University and Tennessee Technological University.



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## Women's Coach of the Year

1981 - Bev Mayhew

1983 - Bev Mayhew

1985 - Bev Mayhew

2002 - David Vest

## 2001-02 Academic All-District

First Team - Benjamin Schmid

Second Team - Greg Dawkins

## 2001-02 Commissioner's Honor Roll

Benjamin Schmid  
Alejandro Hernandez  
Lahiru Jayasuriya

## OVC All-Conference Teams

### Women

1997 - Ditte Houggard

2000 - Isabelle Soucy

2001 - Julie Ryan

2002 - Alex Becka

### Men

1979 - Martin Watts

1982 - Leighton Jones

1983 - Paul Hope

1984 - Panos Kambadellis

1996 - Fabio Souza

1997 - Fabio Souza

1999 - Christoph Poehler

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Eduardo Richelle

2001 - Benjamin Schmid

Eduardo Richelle

2002 - Benjamin Schmid

### Men-Doubles

1979 - M. Watts-E. Nyberg

1980 - R. Leslie-M. Watts

N. Lee-P. King

1982 - P. King-M. Watts

## OVC Tennis Champions

Women's Champion: 1981, 1983, 1985

Women's Runner-up: 1982, 1984

Men's Runner-up: 1979, 1984

**Note:** Winners in each flight were selected to the All-OVC team from 1958-92. Beginning in 1993, the All-OVC team was selected by the head coaches.



# The Ohio Valley Conference

Entering its 55th year, the Ohio Valley Conference continues to build on the success that has made it the nation's eighth-oldest NCAA Division I conference.

The OVC's proud past dates back to 1948, but seeds for the new league were actually planted in 1941. It was then that Roy Stewart, the athletics director at Murray State, Charles (Turkey) Hughes, the athletics director at Eastern Kentucky, and Kelly Thompson, the public relations director at Western Kentucky, first broached the idea of forming a new conference. Discussions were put on hold by World War II but reemerged Feb. 27-28, 1948 at the Kentucky Hotel in Louisville as the three original institutions combined with Morehead State, Louisville and Evansville to form the OVC.

In the 1950's, the OVC became a pioneer on a much more significant scale socially. During times of racial segregation, league member Morehead State became one of the first non-traditionally black mid-southern institutions to accept a black student. In 1958, Marshall Banner earned athletically-related aid at Morehead, which signed a second black athlete, Howard Murphy, a year later. (In 1961, Murphy earned football all-conference recognition at halfback.) With racial barriers broken, the rest of the institutions in the league began to provide educational and athletic opportunities to African-Americans. In 1955, the OVC became only the second six-member league nationally to earn an automatic bid to the prestigious NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, which, at that time, was limited to only 24 participants. In the late 1970's, women's athletics began somewhat of a rebirth on the national scene as the NCAA began sponsoring and marketing women's sports. Recognizing the need to provide increased opportunities for female athletes, the OVC established women's championships in the sports of basketball, tennis and track in 1977, with cross country and volleyball added over the next four years. Those sports were initially governed by the Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, but the overall strength of women's programs in the league was demonstrated when the automatic bids the OVC instantly received when the NCAA became the governing body in 1982.

Through the early years of the league, administrators wrestled with fan behavior due to the close proximity of the conference member schools and the intense rivalries which developed. Just as it did decades ago, the OVC took the leadership role on what has become a national issue. In 1995, the OVC implemented a first-of-its-kind "Sportsmanship Statement," a policy which promotes principles of fair play, ethical conduct and respect for one's opponent. The statement has become a model for others to follow across the nation, and has answered the challenge of the NCAA Presidents Commission to improve sportsmanship in collegiate athletics. Over its 52 years, OVC teams have garnered national championships and bowl games in football, along with national team or individual titles in the sports of rifle, cross country, track and golf. The OVC has also produced several Olympic athletes, while some of the greatest players in professional sports were educated at OVC institutions. The list includes former greats such as basketball's Clem Haskins (Western Kentucky) and two-sport star Steve Hamilton (Morehead State) to present-day standouts like basketball players Carlos Rogers (Tennessee State), Popeye Jones (Murray State) and Bubba Wells (Austin Peay State), football players Tim Lester (Eastern Kentucky), Chris Watson (Eastern Illinois) and Brent Alexander (Tennessee State), baseball players Kip Reuter (Murray State) and Willie Blair (Morehead State) and professional golfer Jeff Sluman (Tennessee Tech).

The playing field isn't the only place where OVC athletes are working hard. The league also recognizes excellence in the classroom. The prestigious OVC Academic Achievement Banner is awarded annually to the league school whose athletes produce the highest grade point average when compared to the general student body. Also, six Scholar-Athlete Awards are presented yearly to male and female athletes, who are commended for their academic success by being Medal of Honor recipients or named to the Commissioner's Honor Roll. Additionally, the Steve Hamilton Sportsmanship Award, in honor of the former Morehead State student-athlete, coach and athletics director, is presented annually to a junior or senior student-athlete with significant athletic contributions who best exemplifies the characteristics of sportsmanship and citizenship.

The vision of leadership demonstrated by the founding fathers in 1948 remains alive today as the Ohio Valley Conference prepares for the future. One example is in regard to the current trend in collegiate athletics administration for increased involvement of university presidents in setting policies and making rules. The presidents of OVC institutions, however, have always governed the Conference, long before presidential governance became a national theme.



# OVC Sportsmanship Statement

**General.** The Ohio Valley Conference is committed to establishing sportsmanship and developing healthy environments for competition. This conference wants to lead the way in abolishing the notion that it is desirable to create a "hostile" environment for intercollegiate athletic contests. Instead, we will strive to create "hospitable" environments. We believe that part of the role of education through sports is to teach our youth and our communities to conduct themselves with sportsmanship and respect for opponents.

In an effort to achieve this goal, the Conference has developed this statement which outlines the expectations of the various groups and individuals associated with our intercollegiate athletics program.

**Administration.** It is incumbent upon institutional administrators to create an environment of hospitality for visiting teams, particularly for those individuals at Conference institutions. OVC administrators must develop the attitude that the treatment of a visiting team and its fans will be in the same manner that they would want their teams to be treated.

The athletics director at the host institution must ensure that he or she, or someone else designated as game manager, approaches the coach of the opposing team at a spectator event in order to welcome that coach to the institution, provided an opportunity for the coach to address and concerns, indicate the location of the game manager in the arena or stadium and identify security personnel to ensure that the visiting team is protected from abuse from the home crowd and that security is in very close proximity to the visiting team's bench. Each institution must arrange its seating at spectator events so as to emphasize sportsmanship and minimize the harassment of the visiting team and its fans.

The athletics director must ensure that those who are employed by the university treat the opponents with fairness and respect. For example, public address announcers must be required to announce the contest in an evenhanded manner with equal excitement for both teams. The institution's chief executive officer and athletics director should review periodically with other athletics department staff members, coaches, student-athletes and spirit groups (cheerleaders and bands) precisely what is acceptable conduct, as set forth in this document.

**Coaches.** Coaches have the greatest amount of influence over whether the young people in their programs are taught and follow the high principles of sportsmanship. The OVC has been benefited by coaches who have risked losing a contest by removing student-athletes who have demonstrated disrespect for the opponents. This discipline measure educates that individual and his or her teammates about the importance of sportsmanship over participation and winning. This type of attitude and courage must be adopted by all OVC coaches. Administrators and coaches must pay special attention to their student-athletes' behavior and continually emphasize the need for sportsmanship and respect. Such education is needed to counteract the constant messages received by our young people from many professional athletes and others who demonstrate a lack of respect for opponents. This Conference and its coaches are committed to teach messages that are appropriate about sportsmanship.

Coaches also have the ability to influence the behavior of their fans. OVC coaches must take every opportunity when addressing the media, booster groups or other public forums to express the desire for fans to support their team at home contests, but not to abuse the visiting team. Coaches and administrators should stress that the participants in our athletics contests are young people who do not deserve to be mistreated by a hostile crowd.

**Student-Athletes.** Respect for the game in which the student-athlete participates also demands respect for the opponent. Student athletes at OVC institutions are expected to treat opponents with sportsmanship. There can be no

tolerance for taunting and baiting of opponents. OVC student-athletes must understand that they are perhaps the most visible representatives of their institutions. Also, their behavior is observed and emulated by many who are younger. OVC student-athletes must honor the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of representing our schools by behaving with dignity and class on and off the field.

**Spirit Groups.** Like our student-athletes, these groups are visible representatives of our universities. As such, we place high expectations on them for decent behavior. Cheerleaders, bands and other spirit groups are admitted to contests at the pleasure of our institutions to support their teams and assist in creating a fun atmosphere. They are not admitted in order to disrupt or confront the opponent and such behavior will not be tolerated. Their focus must be toward encouragement of their team and respect for the opposing team.

**Officials.** Officials who are assigned Conference contests must enforce the rules regarding sportsmanship, without tolerance for abuse. The only warning to participants and coaches regarding sportsmanship should come at the beginning of the contest. Once the contest begins, penalties (consequences), not warning, must be assessed for violations of unsportsmanlike conduct. Similar to the baseball policy of ejecting coaches for arguing balls and strikes, the Conference will require that officials eject any coach who protests unsportsmanlike conduct calls, provided such ejection is permissible to the rules of that sport.

Each official assigned by the OVC will be provided a card with the following statement which must be read to the captains and coaches of every contest prior to the beginning of the game: "The OVC requires officials to enforce all rules regarding unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches and players. There will not be any tolerance for negative statements or actions between opposing players, especially taunting and baiting. If such comments are heard, a penalty will be assessed immediately. If any coach protests an unsportsmanlike penalty, he or she will be ejected for the contest. We have been instructed not to issue warnings during the contests. It is strongly suggested that you remind your participants of this policy." Officials who do not follow this policy will be subject to suspension.

**Commissioner.** The commissioner is expected to enforce the unsportsmanlike conduct rules of the game and the Conference. He or she is authorized to assess penalties for improper behavior that is not detected or properly addressed during the contest. Institutions and their personnel are expected to fully cooperate with his or her effort to investigate possible improper behavior.

In the unfortunate event that an altercation occurs during a contest, all individuals who are on the bench are expected to remain there. It is incumbent upon the head coach to ensure that this occurs. The commissioner is directed to suspend automatically the head coach of a team whose bench personnel enter the field or court of play during an altercation, regardless of whether those individuals become involved in the altercation.

**Fans.** The Conference hopes and believes that the establishment of the principles outlined in this document will create a wholesome atmosphere that will attract more fans to our events. The fans attending our games must be reminded by the public address announcer of the expectations of sportsmanship and respect for both opponents.

We expect that all fans will act in an appropriate manner, and respect the opposition and the officials. We understand that occasionally there are individuals who attend games and abuse the opposition and officials. Those individuals may be dismissed from athletic events.

**Concluding Statement.** The Conference believes that the effort to meet the expectations outlined in this document will increase the attractiveness of our athletic events by creating a healthy environment for our competition.

# MSU Sports Information

## Randy Stacy Sports Information Director



Stacy begins his 16th season as sports information director after serving 16 months in the MSU Development Office.

Stacy, a 1977 graduate of Morehead State University, is the former assistant sports information director at the University of Kentucky. While at UK, Stacy was responsible for all media and public relations for the men's basketball program as well as press row

operations.

Stacy served as men's sports information director at MSU for a brief time in 1977 before assuming a full-time position at Tennessee Tech.

The native of Carr Creek, Ky., and graduate of Carr Creek High School (now Knott County Central), also served as a graduate assistant in the Office of Public Information and was a news and sports reporter at WMMY radio while at MSU.

Stacy is a member of College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), the Morehead Optimist Club and Elliottville Baptist Church. He is married to the former Jeanetta Caudill. They have two sons, Brad and Jared.

## Brenda Fankell SID Secretary Specialist



Brenda is in her 17th year as secretary in the sports information office and assists with all facets of the department's operations.

She previously spent five years as secretary to former MSU athletic director G.E. "Sonny" Moran.

Fankell has four children, Melissa, Bill, J.R. and Rick, one stepson, Kendrick and four grandchildren,

Jonathan, Joshua, Jaclyn and Ashley. She and her husband, Kenny, reside in Olive Hill, Ky. with their two youngest sons.

## Brad Laux, Assistant Sports Information Director



Laux is in his sixth year as MSU's assistant sports information director.

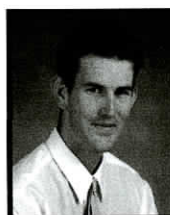
Prior to arriving at MSU, Laux, a native of Springfield, Va., spent three years as a graduate assistant at Tennessee and three years as an intern at George Mason.

He received his master's from UT in sports administration in 1998. He also worked at UNC Greensboro, where he

graduated in 1992 with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations, and for the U.S. Taekwondo Union at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Among his experiences include serving in SID capacities at the 1994 World Cup and the 1996 Olympic Games. Laux married the former Ginny Johnson. They reside in Clearfield, Ky.

## Greg Dawkins SID Graduate Assistant



Greg Dawkins enters his first year as sports information graduate assistant after earning a Bachelor's Degree in Communications with an emphasis in Journalism from Morehead State University in December 2002.

As an undergraduate Dawkins worked for the University newspaper for three years, including two years as

sports editor. He received MSU's Outstanding Student in Journalism Award in 2002 and was a Communication Department Scholarship recipient.

His experience also includes internships with the MSU Sports Information Office and serving as a media relations assistant for the Fifth Third Bank Tennis Championships in Lexington, Ky.

A former student-athlete, Dawkins was a four-time letter winner with the Eagle tennis team. He represented the University at the 2001 NCAA Leadership Conference and served as a member of the Student Advisory Committee for three years. Dawkins was named Academic All-District IV Second Team as a senior and earned an OVC Academic Medal of Honor as a junior.

A native of Strathpine, Queensland, Australia, Dawkins attended Hendra Secondary College before enrolling at Morehead State.







# Morehead State University

## 2003 EAGLE AND LADY EAGLE TENNIS™

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Wed.	Jan. 22	@ Kentucky (M)	1:00 p.m.
Thur.	Jan. 23	vs Southeastern Louisiana @ Kentucky (M)	7:00 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 1	@ Western Kentucky (M/W)	4:00 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 8	vs Dayton @ Eastern Kentucky (M)	12:00 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 8	vs Murray @ Eastern Kentucky (M)	4:00 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 9	@ Eastern Kentucky (M)	9:00 a.m.
Fri.	Feb. 21	@ Tennessee-Chattanooga (M/W)	12:00 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 22	@ Wofford (M/W)	11:00 a.m.
Sun.	Feb. 23	@ Georgia Southern (M/W)	11:00 a.m.
Fri.	Feb. 28	vs East Tennessee State @ EKU (W)	7:00 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 2	@ Eastern Kentucky (W)	9:00 a.m.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Mar. 8</b>	<b>IUPUI (M)</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Mar. 9</b>	<b>Evansville (M)</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
Sat.	Mar. 15	vs Jacksonville State @ Lipscomb (M/W)	9:30 a.m.
Sat.	Mar. 15	@ Lipscomb (M/W)	2:00 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 16	@ Austin Peay* (M/W)	10:00 a.m.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>Tennessee Tech.* (M/W)</b>	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>
Sun.	Mar. 23	@ Tennessee State* (M/W)	2:00 p.m.
Tue.	Mar. 25	@ Jacksonville (M/W)	1:00 p.m.
Thur.	Mar. 27	@ Bethune-Cookman (M/W)	1:00 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 28	@ Stetson (M/W)	2:00 p.m.
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Apr. 2</b>	<b>Cumberland (M/W)</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
Fri.	Apr. 4	@ Marshall (W)	4:00 p.m.
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Apr. 5</b>	<b>IUPFW (M/W)</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>Apr. 5</b>	<b>Dayton (W)</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	<b>Apr. 6</b>	<b>Tennessee-Martin* (M/W)</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Apr. 9</b>	<b>Eastern Kentucky* (M/W)</b>	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>
Fri.	Apr. 11	@ Murray State* (W)	3:00 p.m.
Sat.	Apr. 12	@ Eastern Illinois* (M/W)	10:00 a.m.
Sat.	Apr. 12	vs Southeast Missouri* @ Eastern Illinois (W)	2:00 p.m.
<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Apr. 15</b>	<b>Northern Kentucky (M/W)</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>
Fri.-Sun.	Apr. 25-27	OVC Tournament, Nashville, TN (M/W)	TBA

Home Games in Bold

M=Men; W=Women

\* OVC Match

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